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September 25, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Portals II 445 12th Street, SW Suite TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554 Karen Majcher
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Universal Service Administrative Company
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Re:

Docket No. 96-45, USF Certification as required by 47 C.F.R.

§§ 54.313 and 54.314, for the year 2012 U.S. Cellular Corporation (SAC 109002)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, the federal high-cost support funds provided to U.S. Cellular Corporation are being used only for the provision, maintenance, upgrading for which the support is intended as provided by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. US Cellular used that support during the preceding calendar year and will only use the support in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended. The MPUC's Certification of Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 is based on the representations made by U.S. Cellular Corporation in an annual report to the MPUC filed on August 8, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joel Shifman at joel.shifman@maine.gov or at (207)287-1381.

Sincerely,

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